

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 12 have been amended and new claims 14-20 have been added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are pending.

The Examiner stated in the December 16, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment that claims 1 and 12 were not underlined where the text was meant to be amended and claim 14 was missing text in the October 25, 2004 Amendment filed by applicants.

In response, applicants have amended claims 1 and 12 to properly indicate by underlining text which has been added and strikethrough lines where text was meant to be deleted. In addition, claim 14 has the text which was missing in the October 25, 2004 Amendment filed by applicants. Claim 14 was not meant to be amended in the October 25, 2004 Office Action.

Applicants assert that the mistakes were unintentional and apologize for any inconvenience. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw these objections.

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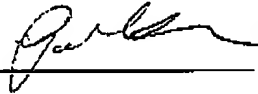
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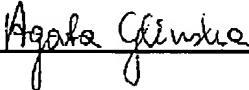
  
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